October Sky Viewing Guide

 In your *Career Choices* textbook, you've worked through the concept of "Vision + Energy = Success" (in chapter one). This is also an important theme in *October Sky*. Identify at least two scenes in the early part of the movie that helped Homer solidify his vision of the future.

Homer's vision, simply stated in one line from the movie, is *"I'm going to build a rocket."* In order to bring that vision to fruition, he and his friends need to exert an awful lot of energy. Identify at least five ways in which Homer and his friends apply the necessary energy.

3) There is an African proverb that says *"It takes a village to raise a child."* Explain what you think that means and how it was demonstrated in the movie *October Sky*.

4) What messages are the adults in the community giving the "Rocket Boys" about their project and their futures?

5) Even with all of the support they get from the community, the boys run into many "roadblocks". Outline some of the roadblocks they face as a group and at least one roadblock Homer faces personally.

6) Homer and his friends achieve what they set out to do—winning the national science fair and earning scholarships to college. Outline at least two other successes they had along the way.